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Do you have any questions or concerns regarding state-funded scholarships?

By visiting www.michigan.gov you will find numerous financial aid opportunities for first time students as well as grant information for those seeking to continue their education.

Now is the Time!!

January is a crucial month for financial aid applicants. Paperwork for federal and state student loans and aid traditionally have deadlines this month. If you are interested in learning more about student aid, please visit www.michigan.gov and select the Education and Career Development icon.

This web site may also be useful in your search for the right college or university. By following the various paths in the site, you can visit all of Michigan's post-secondary facilities, including community colleges. Also listed is scholarship information that has been provided by each individual university and by various independent organizations.

There are tips to help you jump-start your educational career. Have you considered taking preliminary summer courses over the Internet through Michigan's Virtual University? Many of the classes offered are transferable to your new school and can be taken right on your home computer.

There is even information for your parents. Not only can they find resources to pay for your education, but also learn how to finance your sibling's education if they too are attending college in Michigan. In addition, your parents can research various ways to start savings programs for very young children such as the Michigan Education Trust and the Michigan Education Savings Plan.

Resource Center

The following lists of Internet sites are links to scholarship funds available for the upcoming school year. Take a moment to visit each one. Notice that there are specific guidelines that need to be met to qualify, so read carefully.

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| ✓ www.RonBrown.org | Leadership |
| ✓ www.JackieRobinson.org | Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship |
| ✓ www.project-excellence.com | Project Excellence Scholarship |
| ✓ www.uncf.org | United Negro College Fund |
| ✓ www.hsf.net | Hispanic Scholarship Fund |
| ✓ www.nacme.org | National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering |
| ✓ www.gmsp.org | Gates Millennium Scholarship |
| ✓ www.aicpa.org | American Institute of Certified Public Accountants |
| ✓ www.coca-colascholars.org | Cocoa-Cola Scholarships |
| ✓ www.ncaa.org | National Collegiate Athletic Association Scholarships |
| ✓ www.truman.gov | Harry S. Truman Scholarship |
| ✓ www.swe.org | Society for Women Engineers Scholarship |

Did not find a scholarship that suits you? Most public libraries have a foundation section where you can research scholarships that are offered at a national level. Although they may be more competitive, you may find one tailored to meet your specific goals and needs.

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